

Checklist to guide work planning and monitoring of national donor coordination mechanisms for nutrition

I. Inputs and ways of working for effective coordination

Illustrative inputs	Good practices	Areas requiring improvement	Satisfaction score
The national donor network has the necessary inputs to enable effective coordination			
<i>Network ToRs</i> widely agreed by members			
<i>Work plan</i> presents agreed SMART objectives, activities, inputs required			
<i>Convenor(s)</i> have clear ToRs and adequate time and capacities			
Strong <i>awareness</i> amongst donors of the need for a multi-sectoral approach to nutrition			
<i>Membership</i> includes donor staff from all donor agencies from all relevant sectors, including humanitarian where appropriate			
<i>Members take the lead</i> in implementing activities with Convenor(s) facilitating			
<i>High level donors</i> (e.g. Heads of Mission) engage and provide support when needed			
<i>Financial and in-kind resources</i> are adequate to implement activities			
Guidance and support from donor <i>Head</i>			

Offices is adequate			
Guidance and support from <i>global SDN</i> is adequate			
Communication & interaction with <i>SUN Movement Coordinator & Secretariat</i> is adequate			
Donor <i>ways of working</i> are consistent with SUN Principles of Engagement ¹ and conducive to improved coordination and effectiveness			

II. Donor coordination and harmonisation

Illustrative Actions	Illustrative Results	Good practices/strengths	Areas requiring improvement	Satisfaction score
Donors are coordinating and harmonizing their activities and investments with each other				
Actions of donor agencies across sectors are informed by, and aligned with, network work plan	Clear division of responsibilities between donors, good coverage, with minimal duplication & gaps and strong coherence in the provision of policy, technical & financial assistance			
Map existing & planned donor actions and investments against needs in order to identify duplications and gaps in financing & technical assistance				
Share lessons learnt from programmes within the network				

¹ <http://scalingupnutrition.org/about-sun/the-vision-and-principles-of-sun/>

Develop common donor positions to inform multi-stakeholder policy and planning processes				
Communicate with global SDN, e.g. flagging where political commitment is waning, country support needs				

III. Donor effectiveness

Illustrative Actions	Illustrative Results	Good practices/strengths	Areas requiring improvement	Satisfaction score
1. Donors are making a satisfactory contribution to bringing people together in the same space for action				
High level interaction between donors and government to promote high level political leadership	Effective high level government leadership on nutrition			
Regular interaction with, & support provided to, government nutrition focal point and Multi-Stakeholder Platform	Government focal point and team are effective			
Support other networks (civil society, UN, business, MPs etc) to function effectively	coordinators and supporters across sectors and stakeholders			
Support participation of humanitarian actors in multi-stakeholder processes for nutrition, including sub-national level	Other networks functioning effectively			
Coordinate with other national networks to harmonize advocacy, TA, financing & other activities	Multi-stakeholder platform is an effective space for informing and monitoring			

	multi-sectoral policies, plans and results frameworks			
2. Donors are making a satisfactory contribution to ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework				
Raise political awareness of benefits of investing in nutrition	Policies, plans and legal frameworks (sectoral & multi-sectoral) are informed by evidence, multi-stakeholder consultations and are effective			
Engage actively in Multi-Stakeholder Platform bringing collective views of donors to support development of policies, plans etc				
Promote equity, equality and non-discrimination for all, with women and girls at the centre of efforts to scale up nutrition				
Support national MEAL systems & processes to inform improvements in policies, plans & programmes				
3. Donors are making a satisfactory contribution to aligning actions around a Common Results Framework				
Support the integration & costing of nutrition in sectoral & multi-sectoral plans	Stakeholders, including donor agencies, are aligning & prioritizing actions around a CRF			
Support the development of a multi-sectoral Common Results Framework				
Promote the prioritization of actions & investments within plans				
Develop individual donor agency strategies and plans to align with multi-stakeholder CRF				

4. Donors are making a satisfactory contribution to improved nutrition financing				
Support government to track nutrition related investments, expenditures, identify gaps	Increased domestic, in-country donor, private and external investments aligned with national policies & plans			
Encourage domestic resource allocations				
Scale up technical assistance to strengthen government and partner implementation capacity, especially at sub-national level	Increased nutrition sensitivity & efficiency of existing programmes			
Scale up in-country donor financial assistance	Increased implementation capacities			
Facilitate access to financing from global & regional levels, including innovative sources	Scaled up programmes, & increased coverage			
Improve the nutrition-sensitivity of existing sectoral programmes				